Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-29 (canceled).

Claim 30 (currently amended). A valve drive, comprising:

at least one cam element disposed on a driven shaft at least one lift valve displaceably connected to said cam element, said lift valve having a valve stem with a first end;

a flexible enclosing element connected to said first end of said valve stem and rotatably enclosing said cam element; ~~and~~

said first end of said valve stem being guided in a direction of displacement of said valve; and

a holder between said enclosing element and said valve stem, said holder having sliding surfaces for guiding on cylinder-head-fixed guide surfaces.

Claim 31 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 30, wherein said lift valve is mounted in an internal combustion engine.

Claim 32 (canceled).

Claim 33 (currently amended). The valve drive according to ~~claim 32~~ claim 30, wherein said holder projects over said cam element in an axial direction of said shaft and said sliding surfaces are formed on a projecting region of said holder.

Claim 34 (currently amended). The valve drive according to ~~claim 32~~ claim 30, wherein said cam element has two axially spaced cam regions and a groove between said cam regions in extension of said sliding surfaces of said holder, and said enclosing element, in a holding region for said valve stem, is formed with a slot corresponding with said groove.

Claim 35 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 31, wherein said holder comprises a bearing sleeve in said enclosing element and a hinge pin connected to said valve stem and rotatably mounted in said bearing sleeve.

Claim 36 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 35, wherein said hinge pin is provided with a connecting part connected to said valve stem.

Claim 37 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 36, wherein said hinge pin and said connecting part have an L-shape.

Claim 38 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 36, wherein said hinge pin and said connecting part have a T-shape, the connecting part passing through a slot formed in a holding region of said enclosing element and being connected to the valve stem.

Claim 39 (currently amended). The valve drive according to ~~claim 32~~ claim 30, wherein said valve stem is offset in relation to said cam element in an axial direction of the shaft.

Claim 40 (currently amended). The valve drive according to ~~claim 32~~ claim 30, wherein said holder has a hinge pin disposed in said enclosing element and an eye formed at said end of said valve stem, wherein said hinge pin passes through said eye and said sliding surfaces are formed on said valve stem.

Claim 41 (currently amended). The valve drive according to ~~claim 32~~ claim 30, wherein said holder is formed with a bore having an axis lying in the axis of said valve stem.

Claim 42 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 41, wherein said end of said valve stem is formed with a threaded bore and a fastening screw passes through said bore of said holder.

Claim 43 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 42, wherein said shaft, in extension of said fastening screw, is formed with a bore enabling access to said fastening screw.

Claim 44 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 41, wherein said bore of said holder is a threaded bore, and said end of said valve stem is screwed into said threaded bore.

Claim 45 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 31, wherein said valve stem is formed with sliding surfaces extending up to said first end and guided on cylinder-head-fixed guide surfaces extending in the direction of displacement of said valve.

Claim 46 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 30, wherein said enclosing element is assigned a holder on both sides thereof, for a respective valve guided at an upper end next to said cam element.

Claim 47 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 46, wherein two valves are provided between two cam elements, and said holder is one of two holders with a common hinge pin connected to said enclosing element.

Claim 48 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 30, wherein said valve stem is screwed into at least one of a valve disk and a connecting part.

Claim 49 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 30, wherein said lift valve includes a valve disk extending obliquely to said valve stem.

Claim 50 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 30, wherein the direction of displacement of said valve deviates from an orthogonal to an axis of rotation of said driven shaft, and said valve stem is disposed to be displaceable, relative to said cam element, parallel to said driven shaft.

Claim 51 (previously presented). The valve drive according to claim 30, wherein an axis of said valve stem is laterally offset from a parallel axial plane of said driven shaft.

Claim 52 (currently amended). In combination with the valve drive according to ~~claim 31~~ claim 30, a cylinder head assembly for an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a cylinder head formed with a semicircular bearing recess for said driven shaft and with a semicircular bearing recess for each said cam element;

said cylinder head being formed with a bore for receiving said valve stem; and

guide surfaces formed in a region of said bore for said first end of said valve stem connected to said enclosing element, said guide surfaces extending in the direction of displacement of said valve.

Claim 53 (previously presented). The cylinder head assembly according to claim 52, wherein said bore opens laterally into said bearing recess for said cam element.

Claim 54 (previously presented). The cylinder head assembly according to claim 52, wherein said cylinder head is formed with a slot, between two bores for two valves, for receiving a common hinge pin.

Claim 55 (previously presented). The cylinder head assembly according to claim 52, which comprises guide webs disposed erect in said bearing recess, said guide surfaces being formed on said guide webs, and said bore running through said bearing recess.

Claim 56 (previously presented). The cylinder head assembly according to claim 52, wherein two inlet or outlet ducts, respectively provided with a valve, are formed between said two cam elements.

Claim 57 (previously presented). The cylinder head assembly according to claim 55, wherein a thickness of said guide webs corresponds maximally to a width of said groove formed in said cam element.

Claim 58 (previously presented). The cylinder head assembly according to claim 52, which comprises a guide sleeve inserted into said bore, said guide sleeve having an upper end formed with a slot, and said guide surfaces in said guide sleeve being provided above a height of said slot.

Claim 59 (previously presented). In combination with the valve drive according to claim 31, a cylinder head, comprising:

a base element having a bearing web for said driven shaft and having a guide web for said valve;

said guide web being disposed in a region of a bore for receiving said valve stem, and

guide surfaces assigned to said guide web for guiding said first end of said valve stem connected to said enclosing element.

Claim 60 (previously presented). The cylinder head according to claim 59, wherein a thickness of said guide web corresponds maximally to a width of said groove formed in said cam element.

Claim 61 (previously presented). The cylinder head according to claim 59, which comprises a guide sleeve inserted into said bore, said guide sleeve having an upper end formed with a slot, and said guide surfaces in said guide sleeve being provided above a height of said slot.

Claim 62 (currently amended). A valve drive comprising:

at least one cam element disposed on a driven shaft;

at least one lift valve displaceable by said cam element in a given direction, said lift valve having a valve stem with a first end;

a flexible enclosing element connecting said first end of said valve stem and said element and biasing said first end of said valve stem to follow said cam element; ~~and~~

said first end of said valve stem being guided against lateral forces relative to the given direction of displacement of said lift valve; and

a holder between said enclosing element and said valve stem, said holder having sliding surfaces for guiding on cylinder-head-fixed guide surfaces.